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1. Debrecen Ball Bearing Factory

- a. Origin of machinery: 2 from [] remainder from the USSR, East Germany, and Czechoslovakia. 25X1
- b. Production in 1952 : about 1,000 ball bearings.
- c. Current production : about 10-15,000 per month. The new material supplied is good enough to manufacture bearings of II and III class quality.
- d. Workshops : in the Cavalry Barracks, Széchenyi ut 59, Debrecen. The new factory is still under construction, near the new public cemetery in the vicinity of the streetcar terminal, at the end of Csapó Street.
- e. Manpower is mostly drawn from among the local peasantry. For weeks the factory has been advertizing in Magyar Nemzet, etc. for turners of category VI and VII (i.e. the highest). Some of the advertizements have stated the name of the factory, others have not.
- f. In October 1953, negotiations with MaszolaJ were in progress for obtaining 2,500 cu. m. of earth gas from the earth gas well of Biharnagybajom. The ball bearing factory would like to obtain this supply by the summer of 1954.

2. Arms Production

- a. Gun barrels are manufactured in the Diósgyőr Heavy Machine Tools Factory in the following sizes: 37 mm. (originally to have been made in Poland), 47 mm, 57 mm, 85 mm., 122 mm howitzers with 6 m. barrels, 152 mm. Soviet-type barrels.
- b. This factory also manufactures ammunition for the 37 mm.-type (1200 m/sec. muzzle velocity) guns. The technical specifications are in Russian, and both in the original and in the translation mistakes have been made which increases the difficulty of manufacture.
- c. Gun carriages for gun barrels manufactured in Diósgyőr are manufactured at Győr.

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- d. Cartridges for small arms are made at:
- (1) Danuvia Works, in Budapest.
 - (2) Metal Goods and Machine Tools Factory, Soroksári ut (for long and drum magazines), in Budapest.
 - (3) Veszprém Munitions Factory
 - (4) Jobbágyi "Andesite" Works.
- e. Grenades are produced at:
- (1) Sirok, in the factory at the Recske end of the village in a tunnel driven into the mountainside.
 - (2) Press and Stamping Factory, north of Törökbalint.
- f. Guide rings for projectiles or firearms (Führungsringe für Geschoäse) made of sinter iron; and "videa messer" are manufactured in the Iron Dust Foundry (Por Kovács Gyár) further north up the valley (sic.).
- g. The office responsible for the production of material for the artillery is a section of the Ministry for Metallurgy and Machine Industry, at Teleki Pál u. 7, 1st and 2nd floor, in Budapest.

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